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1. On April 26 Ambassador Ortona met with Assistant Secretary Solomon to report that Ortona had prevailed over resistance of Italian officials to grant US carriers more cargo frequencies, and, in spirit of liberality and to help talks along, Italy would approve an additional frequency for Pan American and Seaboard. He said it was on understanding Alitalia also would be permitted to increase its all-cargo frequencies. (Would appear that definitive approval in Rome was delayed so Ortona could report on it first to Department.)

2. Ortona also said GOI had given him memorandum on route evaluation techniques, but he had not had time to study it. Offered to give Department Italian views on evaluation following week.

3. After making some observations on capacity principles, routes and cargo services, Ortona inquired whether Dept would agree to have Santini and Venturini (Secretary General, Alitalia) come to Washington first part of May

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to participate in pre-negotiation informal talks. In discussion he also suggested as alternative that only Santini participate in talks, and Ve[illegible]rini could perhaps be included in some social function. Secretary Solomon explained difficulties raised by not having CAB and US industry participation in meetings including Civlavia and Alitalia officials, noting that USG aviation negotiations are guided by well-defined and established procedures, but he agreed to consider suggestion in consultation w[illegible]t CAB and to inform Ortona of US reply as soon as possible.

4. Memcon on April 26 meeting being airpouched to Embassy.

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